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*The clerks and the superintendents of the Secretariat.*

694 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the number of clerks and superintendents whose work is passed by each gazetted officer (temporary or permanent) below the rank of Secretary to Government in the several departments of the Secretariat?

A.—The following table \* shows under each Secretary to Government the number of officers employed in the gazetted and non-gazetted ranks respectively, excluding lower division clerks engaged in routine work and typists. Generally speaking, the work of the non-gazetted officers passes through the gazetted officers under whom they are shown. The arrangements, however, vary from time to time and it is not possible to work out any scheme which will not undergo changes. It need hardly be added that the work falling to be done directly by the gazetted officers varies very largely both in quantity and quality.

*Scholarships to Ceded districts medical students.*

695 Q.—MR. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Ceded district students reading as full stipendiaries at present in the several medical schools of the Presidency; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a few of these students are receiving partial stipends; and if so, what the necessity for such a deviation is?

A.—The information desired is not available but will be called for.

*Scheme for itinerating sub-registrars.*

696 Q.—MR. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for itinerating sub-registrars has been launched by the Department of Registration and that the scheme is already given effect to in North Arcot district; and

(b) if so, the principles on which it is based?

A.—(a) Yes, as an experimental measure.

(b) Under the itinerating system of registry one of the joint sub-registrars attached to a particular registration office visits once a week a convenient place in the sub-district to be notified to the public and accepts on the spot the documents of that village and the surrounding villages in order to save trouble and expense to the inhabitants. The duties of the itinerating sub-registrar are confined to the acceptance of documents for registration and to those points in the procedure of registration which require the attendance of the parties concerned. All other steps are carried out at the headquarters station. The documents are returned to the parties by registered post or, in the absence of

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an application in that behalf, taken back by the itinerating officer on his next visit for personal delivery. It is open to parties to have documents registered either by the itinerating sub-registrar or by the registrar or other joint sub-registrar at the headquarters office as all these officers have concurrent jurisdiction over the whole sub-district.

*Grant of licence to Badagas of Nilgiris district.*

697 Q.—Mr. R. K. SHANMUKHAM CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that annual licences were granted to the Badagas in the Todanad division of the Nilgiris district for penning cattle in certain areas; and

(2) whether it is a fact that most of the applications for the renewal of licences during 1922–23 were refused by the District Forest Officer; if so, on what grounds?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for it.

Mr. R. K. SHANMUKHAM CHETTIYAR:—“ May I ask whether any memorial has been received from the inhabitants of the locality with regard to the licences in question ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP:—“ I am not aware of it. But in the answer the Government have promised to call for the information, and the hon. Member will be supplied with it when received.”

Mr. R. K. SHANMUKHAM CHETTIYAR:—“ In this connexion may I bring it to the notice of the hon. Member that it is impossible for these poor people to graze their cattle. If they are not permitted to do this they will be deprived of their livelihood. May I therefore request the hon. Member to obtain the information as early as possible and take any action that may be necessary ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP:—“ The information will be called for at once.”

*Development of technical education.*

698 Q.—Mr. S. T. SHANMUKHAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to his answer to clause (b) of Rao Bahadur Appaswami Vandayar's question No. 1177 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 19th January 1922, whether the proposed committee has been appointed and the question of developing technical education investigated, and if so, with what result?

A.—Yes. Its report has not yet been received.

*Board of Revenue Committee.*

699 Q.—Mr. S. T. SHANMUKHAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any action has been taken by Government on the report of the Board of Revenue Committee, dated 13th August 1921, and if so, with what result?

A.—The Committee's recommendations have been given effect to.